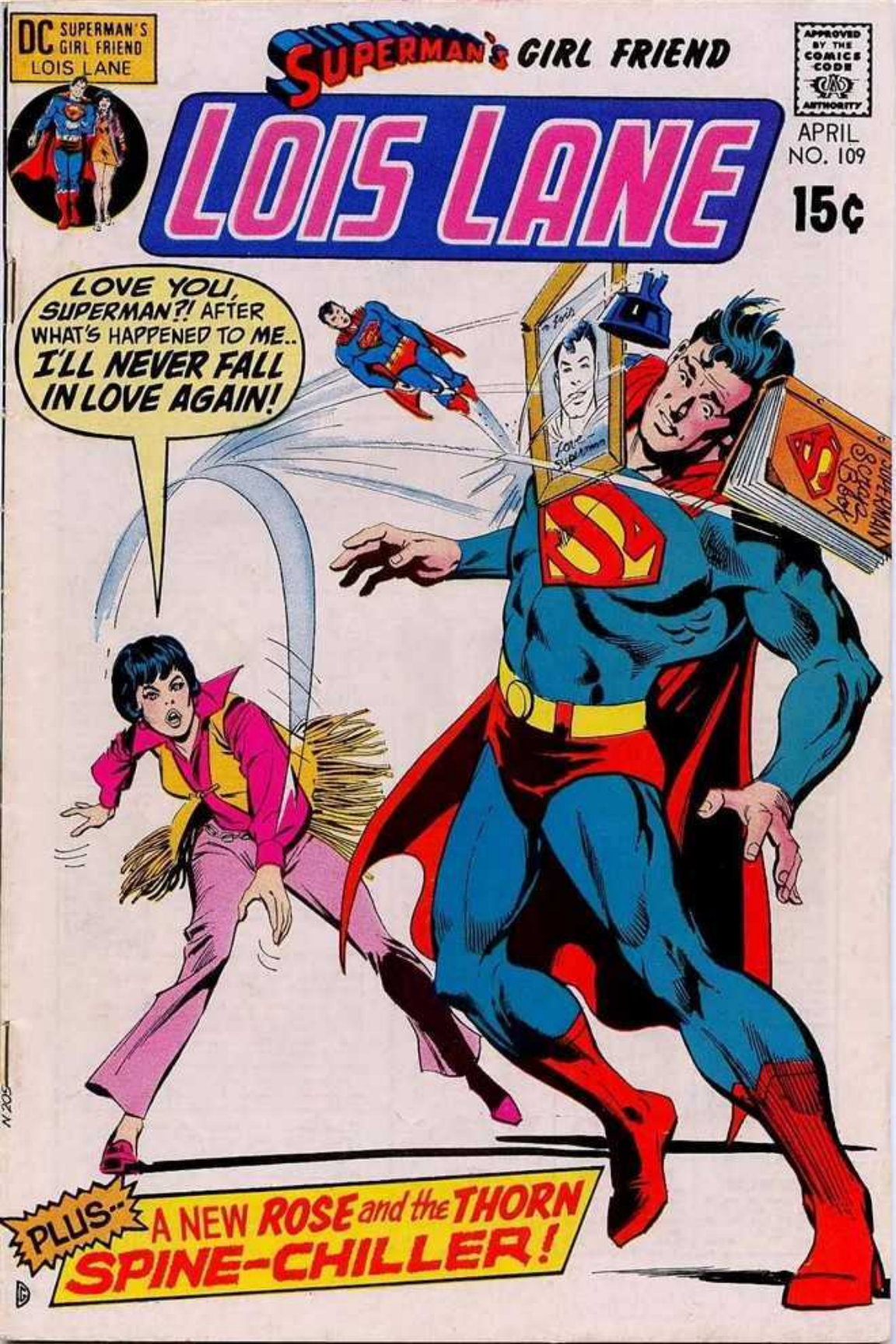
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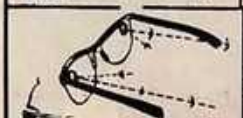

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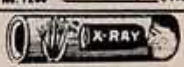

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READERS--THIS YOUNG WOMAN,
LOIS LANE,
WAS SUFFERING FROM THE CLASSIC SYMPTOMS TYPICAL OF THE EMOTION...LOVE!
SO I CANCELLED OUT THIS AREA OF HER BRAIN--BY PERFORMING AN EMOTIONAL LOBOTOMY WHICH RENDERS HER INCAPABLE OF EVER LOVING AGAIN!
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AND HERE IS MY PATIENT TODAY, PREPARING HERSELF FOR THE START OF A NEW LIFE...WITHOUT ROMANTIC COMPLICATIONS! FROM NOW ON...
SUPERMAN SOUVENIR SCRAP BOOK
INCINERATOR
"I'LL NEVER FALL IN LOVE AGAIN!"
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IT IS MONDAY MORNING AT THE DAILY PLANET OFFICES, AS REPORTER LOIS LANE CHECKS OVER HER MORNING MAIL...
PAINFUL MEMORIES? IF YOU ARE PLAGUED BY UNPLEASANT RECOLLECTIONS, COME TO THE
DENISON CLINIC
411 BROAD STREET
WE GUARANTEE OUR ADVANCED LASER-SURGERY WILL ENABLE YOU TO LEAVE OUR CLINIC WITH A TROUBLE-FREE MIND!
I GUESS SOMEONE'S LOOKING FOR SOME FREE PUBLICITY FROM THE PLANET!
EITHER THIS CLINIC IS RUN BY A QUACK, OR AN UNDISCOVERED GENIUS HAS MADE A MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGH!
EITHER WAY, I SMELL A STORY!
SOON ON THE NORTH SIDE OF METROPOLIS...
THIS IS IT! NOT VERY IMPRESSIVE!
I WONDER HOW MANY PROSPECTIVE PATIENTS HAVE COME HERE BEFORE ME?
NOT ONE, LOIS...
AND NONE WILL FOLLOW--BECAUSE AFTER YOU'RE INSIDE, THE FALSE SIGN FADES AWAY...
DENISON CLINIC
PLEASE WALK IN
YES, MISS LANE... I'M PROF. LORRAINE DENISON! NOW, PLEASE SIT DOWN SO I CAN ASK SOME PRELIMINARY QUESTIONS!
ER... ALL RIGHT!
I DIDN'T EXPECT TO BE DEALING WITH AN OLD WOMAN! THE BEST WAY TO INVESTIGATE IS TO BE A "PATIENT"!
BUT AS SOON AS LOIS IS SEATED...
FIRST QUESTION-- DON'T YOU EVER REGRET THAT CURIOSITY OF YOURS?
I KNEW IT WOULD BRING YOU TO ME!
WHAT? I'LL... UHH... I CAN'T MOVE! AND WHY IS THAT WEIRDO MACHINE POINTING AT ME?
YOU'RE HELD DOWN BY A MAGNETIC FORCE!
I'LL EXPLAIN IT ALL...
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HERE'S LANA LANG'S GRADUATION PICTURE!
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO KNOW YOU'VE RUINED THE LIFE OF SOMEONE WHO IS TEN TIMES THE WOMAN YOU ARE?
YOU'RE WAY OFF-BASE! LANA IS MY BEST FRIEND!
"DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! LISTEN--I KNEW LANA YEARS AGO, AT HUDSON UNIVERSITY! SHE WAS ONE OF MY STUDENTS..."
I'VE CHECKED THESE APPLICATIONS... AND YOU'RE MY CHOICE FOR GRADING ASSISTANT, MISS LANG!
YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL AND BRIGHT--THAT'S A RARE COMBINATION!
THANK YOU, PROF. DENISON!
"AFTER WE GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER, LANA CONFIDED HER GREAT DREAM TO ME..."
...SO AFTER GRADUATION, I PLAN TO USE MY BROADCASTING DEGREE TO GET A JOB AT A TV STATION... UNTIL SUPERMAN PROPOSES TO ME!
YES...THE WHOLE WORLD KNOWS ABOUT THE ROMANCE YOU TWO HAD AS TEENAGERS, IN SMALLVILLE! I HOPE THINGS WORK OUT!
THEY MUST WORK OUT, OR I'LL JUST DIE!
BUT I'M NOT AFRAID OF COMPETITION, PROFESSOR--NOT AS LONG AS I'M STILL NUMBER ONE WITH HIM!
THEN SUPERMAN MET YOU, AND YOU'VE MANIPULATED YOUR FEMININE WILES TO STEAL HIM FROM LANA!
NO... IT JUST HAPPENED! I-I FELL IN LOVE, AND SO DID HE!
DON'T TALK TO ME ABOUT LOVE! I HAD A CHILDHOOD SWEETHEART, TOO--ROLAND KIRK, BEFORE HE BECAME A SCREEN IDOL!
BUT HE WAS TAKEN FROM ME BY A HOLLYWOOD STARLET!
I KNOW ONLY TOO WELL THE TERRIBLE EMPTINESS LANA MUST LIVE WITH!
SILVER SCREEN
EXCLUSIVE PICS of ROLAND KIRK INSIDE!
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BUT I PUNISHED THE ACTRESS WHO RUINED MY LIFE... JUST AS I'LL DEAL WITH YOU FOR PUSHING LANA OUT OF SUPERMAN'S HEART!
IF SHE CAN'T HAVE HIM, I'LL MAKE SURE YOU CAN'T, EITHER!
WHEN I FINISH, YOU WON'T WANT SUPERMAN!
SHE'S EVIDENTLY BEEN OUT OF HER MIND FOR SOME TIME... BUT THAT MAKES MY PREDICAMENT ALL THE WORSE!
THIS IS AN EXPERIMENTAL SURGICAL LASER PROJECTOR! IT WILL PERFORM AN EMOTIONAL LOBOTOMY ON YOUR BRAIN!
AN OMINOUS HUMMING PERVADES THE AIR AS A PENCIL-THIN BEAM OF BRILLIANCE FLASHES OUT TOWARD ITS TARGET...
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THE LASER WILL BURN OUT THE AREA OF YOUR BRAIN WHICH GIVES YOU THE CAPACITY FOR LOVE!
AFTER THIS, YOU'LL BE INCAPABLE OF CARING FOR ANYONE--INCLUDING SUPERMAN!
NO!!
OHHH... MY HEAD'S THROBBING... I'M BLACKING OUT...
A HALF-HOUR LATER...
LUCKY WE CHECKED WITH THE ELECTRIC COMPANY!
YEAH...THE HUGE BILL THAT HER EQUIPMENT RAN UP FOR THE BUILDING STUCK OUT LIKE A ROLLS-ROYCE WOULD IN THIS POOR DISTRICT!
VOICES...
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LOIS... LOIS! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
NO TELLING WHAT THAT CRAZY GIZMO MIGHT'VE DONE TO HER! I HOPE WE STOPPED IT IN TIME!
GOOD GOD!...SHE CARRIED OUT HER THREAT! FOR THE FIRST TIME, SUPERMAN'S TOUCH IS COLD AND MEANINGLESS! BUT I MUSTN'T LET HIM KNOW!
UH... HOW DID YOU FIND ME?
PURE LUCK! I WAS ON PATROL--SPOTTED THE POLICE MAKING A RAID DOWN HERE, AND INVESTIGATED!
WE'VE BEEN AFTER PROF. DENISON FOR WEEKS, MISS LANE...EVER SINCE SHE STOLE VALUABLE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT FROM METROPOLIS HOSPITAL!
WE BROKE IN JUST AFTER SHE FIRED THAT MACHINE OF HERS AT YOUR HEAD!
EVERYBODY--HIT THE FLOOR, QUICK!
KA-BOOM!!
MY SUPER-HEARING PICKED UP THE FAINT CLICKING OF A SELF-DESTRUCT DETONATOR!
IT FIGURES! PROF. DENISON MADE SURE NO ONE COULD EXAMINE HER SURGICAL LASER TO DETERMINE IF THE DAMAGE TO MY BRAIN CAN BE CORRECTED!
I MUST FACE IT...I'LL NEVER KNOW WHAT LOVE IS AGAIN!

C'MON, LOIS... I'M FLYING YOU HOME!
WHAT A RELIEF IT IS THAT THE MACHINE DIDN'T HARM YOU!
BRRR... HIS GRIP IS LIKE COLD STEEL! AND I RESENT THE WAY HE JUST SNATCHED ME UP LIKE I WAS A MANIKIN OR SOMETHING!
BUT THERE'S TROUBLE IN THE SKY OVER METROPOLIS...
OH-OH! A RADIOACTIVE METEOR SHOWER... HEADING RIGHT FOR THE CITY!
HOLD TIGHT, LOIS... NO TIME TO DROP YOU OFF FIRST!
AFTER WRAPPING LOIS IN HIS INDESTRUCTIBLE CAPE TO PROTECT HER FROM RADIATION, THE ACTION ACE SLICES THROUGH THE AIR AT SUPER-SPEED, BLASTING THE METEORS WITH HIS HEAT VISION...
SUMPH!E MAYBE THIS SUPER-SHOWY HERO ROUTINE WOULD'VE HAD ME SWOONING YESTERDAY... BUT NOW IT'S A BIG PAIN!
I'M HUMILIATED... HE'S ZIPPING THROUGH THE SKY WITH ME LIKE I WAS JUST SO MUCH EXCESS BAGGAGE!
MOMENTS LATER...
GET ME OUT OF THIS THING!
KEEP YOUR COOL... WE'RE AT YOUR APARTMENT NOW!
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NEXT TIME I LET YOU TAKE ME ANYWHERE, THERE'D BETTER NOT BE ANY MORE INTERRUPTIONS FOR SUPERMAN STUNTS!
LOIS... YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS! I HAVE TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES WHEREVER I SEE THEM!
WHY?! WHO SAYS YOU MUST GO LEAPING INTO ACTION EVERY TIME SOMETHING GOES WRONG IN THE WORLD?
EVER CONSIDER THAT MAYBE SOME PEOPLE DON'T WANT A COSTUMED FREAK MEDDLING IN THEIR LIVES?
MAN GOT BY FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS BEFORE SUPERMAN CAME ALONG! BUT YOU SEEM TO THINK CIVILIZATION WILL SUDDENLY CRUMBLE WITHOUT YOU!
YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY NOT YOURSELF AFTER ALL THIS STRAIN, LOIS! I'LL LET YOU GET SOME REST!
WHEW! I AM TIRED... AND I'VE SEVERAL ASSIGNMENTS AT THE PLANET WAITING FOR ME TOMORROW! TIME TO HIT THE SACK!
ALL MY LOVE— LOIS
MEANWHILE...
I'M SURE LOIS DIDN'T REALLY MEAN ALL THOSE THINGS SHE SAID!
IF FACT, SHE'S PROBABLY BACK THERE CRYING HER EYES OUT!
SHE'LL BE HER OLD SELF IN THE MORNING... I HOPE!
LATER, ACROSS TOWN, A BEAUTIFUL, YOUNG REDHEAD HAS JUST HEARD THE EVENING NEWS...
...AND THE POLICE SAID TODAY THAT PROF. DENISON WOULD TALK TO NO ONE! A PSYCHIATRIST IS BEING BROUGHT IN TO CHECK THE WOMAN SCIENTIST'S SANITY!
I MUST CHECK UP ON THIS!

IN THE DAILY PLANET "MORGUE," THE NEXT DAY...
FINALLY! AFTER SCANNING DOZENS OF PAST EDITIONS OF THE PLANET, I'VE FOUND THE INFORMATION I WAS LOOKING FOR!
PROF. DENISON WASN'T KIDDING WHEN SHE SAID SHE "DEALT WITH" THE WOMAN WHO CAME BETWEEN HER AND KIRK!
WELL, I WON'T GIVE IN! IT'S POSSIBLE TO LIVE WITHOUT LOVE, AND I'LL PROVE IT!
ACTRESS SUSAN SARNE COMMITS HERSELF TO MENTAL HOSPITAL--
Married to Roland Kirk
LATER, LOIS GETS A PHONE CALL AT HER DESK...
...SO I'LL BE IN TOWN BETWEEN FLIGHTS FOR A FEW HOURS! WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER IN MONTHS-- HOW ABOUT LUNCH?
UH...WISH I COULD, LUCY, BUT I'D ALREADY DECIDED I'D USE MY LUNCH HOUR TO FINISH A FEATURE FOR THE PLANET'S SUNDAY EDITION! MAYBE ANOTHER TIME!
ELSEWHERE IN THE BUILDING, CLARK (SUPERMAN) KENT KEEPS AN EYE ON LOIS WITH HIS X-RAY VISION...
LOIS--GIVING HER OWN SISTER THE BRUSH-OFF! THAT'S NOT LIKE HER AT ALL... BEFORE YESTERDAY, ANYWAY!
I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THAT INSANE WOMAN DID HARM HER... IN A BAD WAY!
AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE METROPOLIS JAIL...
LORRAINE, YOU MUST TELL ME HOW YOUR LASER-DEVICE AFFECTED LOIS!
THE POLICE THINK THEY SHUT IT OFF IN TIME...BUT I KNOW BETTER! YOUR FACE CAN'T FOOL ME!
WHAT I DID WAS FOR YOU! SHE HAD TO BE PUNISHED FOR BREAKING UP YOUR ROMANCE WITH SUPERMAN!
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Warner/Reprise Announces Its Biggest Bargain:
THE BIG BALL

Over 20 outstanding record artists meet in an all-new and grossly underpriced ($2) two-record set.

All the artists whose beauty you can see above, plus lots more (like Gordon Lightfoot, Tim Buckley, Ed Sanders of the Fugs, the Mulcaurs, the Fifth Avenue Band...) are giving up their royalties to bring you THE BIG BALL. What this means is that for two bucks you can get mailed to your home, hovel, or box a classy two-record album, 28 stereo selections crammed with good musical things on four full sides, all new stuff for 1970.

With unaccustomed grace, Warner/Reprise is not making a buck on any of this. In supermarkets this sort of thing is called a loss leader, but in the record biz it's a very suspicious thing to do. Anyway...

There's only one way to get THE BIG BALL: by mail. No retail merchants. No stores. No markups. Should you be justifiably wary of mail order hypes, we can't blame you. We have, however, a happy history of doing good by mail. THE BIG BALL's two ancestors, SONGBOOK and RECORD SHOW, were sent to a whole lot of satisfied orderers-by-mail in 1969. (In case you missed those previous epics, we provide you with their pictures and order form here.)

About one of these epics some long-haired creep from Richmond, Virginia wrote us, "Got your Songbook and Record Show things. Well, I finally found a record company that gives a damn. Bless your hearts."

We have a hunch he was right. There's only one way you can find out if the good fairy is still breathing. It's called the nearby coupon...

That done, we'll send you our extravagant BIG BALL set, featuring such delights as:

- One of John Sebastian's brand-newest songs.
- James Taylor's title track from his new album—"Sweet Baby James."
- Fleetwood Mac's fantastic "Oh Well."
- A released-only-in-England Kinks song.
- Pentangle's new version of classic oldie, "Sally Go Round the Roses."
- And about 23 other lovelies...

THE BIG BALL (plus such others as you have the cash for) will then be got to you as fast as the clowns in our mail room can pull it all together.

RECORD SHOW: Two LPs featuring Jethro Tull, Peter, Paul & Mary, Kinks, Mothers of Invention, Joni Mitchell, Neil Young, Van Dyke Parks and lots of others.

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Address _____
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Make checks payable to Warner Bros. Records

LORRAINE, IT'S NOT YOUR DUTY TO OVERSEE MY LIFE!
AFTER MONTHS OF HEART-BREAK, I'VE FINALLY GIVEN UP ON SUPERMAN... I KNOW NOW HE'LL NEVER REALLY LOVE ME AS HE DOES LOIS!
YOU MUST ACCEPT THAT! I HAVE!
THAT SAME AFTERNOON, AS CLARK IS ABOUT TO LEAVE HIS DESK AT WGBS-TV...
HEY! THAT'S LOIS' HANDWRITING... SHE MUST THINK I'LL PASS IT ON TO SUPERMAN!
for Superman, % Clark Kent
HOPE IT'S GOOD NEWS FOR A CHANGE!
TEN SECONDS LATER, LOIS ANSWERS HER PHONE...
LOIS--?
WHAT IS IT? I JUST THIS MINUTE GOT HOME!
SUPERMAN, WHY DID YOU CALL ME?
ONLY WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU WERE HERE BEFORE I BROUGHT YOU THESE FLOWERS!
CLARK KENT GAVE ME THE APOLOGY YOU WROTE!
NOTHING LIKE SUPER-SPEED TO IMPRESS A GIRL!
SOON; EACH OF THE "IN" NIGHTSPOTS AROUND METROPOLIS GETS A VISIT FROM A STUNNING COUPLE...
SHE SEEMS ALL RIGHT TONIGHT... I'M SO RELIEVED! I GUESS SHE'S JUST BEEN UNDER A LOT OF STRESS THESE PAST FEW DAYS!
WHAT A BORE! I DON'T KNOW WHICH IS WORSE-- A DINNER OR A DISCOTHEQUE WITH MR. MUSCLES!
BUT AT LEAST PEOPLE NOTICED ME!

2:00 A.M...
SOMETHING'S STILL NOT RIGHT! THIS KISS ISN'T DOING MUCH...BUT PUTTING HER TO SLEEP!
BUT AFTER SUPERMAN HAS SAID GOOD NIGHT AND LEFT, HE SUDDENLY TURNS BACK...
LOIS WAS HIDING SOMETHING FROM ME... I'M SURE OF IT! I'LL CIRCLE BACK AND ASK HER WHAT IT IS!
I'LL CHECK IF SHE'S STILL AWAKE FIRST...
THERE SHE IS, MAKING AN ENTRY IN HER DIARY! I KNOW I SHOULDN'T READ IT, BUT MAYBE IT WILL ANSWER MY QUESTIONS...!
...and although "love" means nothing to me now, I still want Superman to date me; I guess the status of being his girl appeals to my vanity! Best he's such a bore...
WHAT A COMEDOWN! ALL I AM TO HER NOW IS PUBLICITY!
LAST NIGHT, THE HUGE SPIRE ATOP THE METRO BUILDING BEGAN TOPPLING OVER, FOR NO APPARENT REASON...BUT A WITNESS ASSURED US SUPERMAN WAS THERE PROMPTLY TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE!
IT'S GOOD TO KNOW THE MAN OF STEEL IS WATCHING OVER US, ISN'T IT?

THE FOLLOWING MORNING...
LANA, I MUST KNOW PRECISELY WHAT PROF. DENISON DID BEFORE I CAN HELP LOIS!
I'VE BEEN WITH HER ALL NIGHT, SUPERMAN! I THINK SHE'S READY TO TALK!
COME, LORRAINE... TELL US HOW YOUR MACHINE AFFECTED LOIS!
ALL RIGHT...
THE DAYS GO BY-- AND CLARK MAKES SURE THAT HE AND LOIS COVER THE SAME ASSIGNMENTS... HE FOR THE TV STATION, LOIS FOR THE PLANET...
LANA FINALLY PERSUADED PROF. DENISON TO REVEAL HOW TO CURE LOIS... BUT IT CAN ONLY WORK IF SHE WANTS TO LOVE AGAIN!
SO SHE'S STILL BEYOND HELP...
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"BECAUSE OF INCIDENTS LIKE OUR LAST ASSIGNMENT..."
LOIS IS RELENTLESSLY QUESTIONING THE WIDOW OF A FIGHT-PROMOTER WHO WAS SUSPECTED OF BEING A FORMER GANG MEMBER!
AND HE WAS GUNNED DOWN ONLY LAST WEEK! MUST SHE BADGER THE POOR WOMAN LIKE THAT?

NEXT MORNING, A SUDDEN EMERGENCY ARISES OUTSIDE THE PLANET BUILDING...
LOIS-- STAY BACK!
THAT LITTLE GIRL WILL BE RUN OVER!
HONK!

I WAS ABOUT TO USE MY SUPER-BREATH TO BLOW THE CHILD TO SAFETY...NOW LOIS GETS A FREE RIDE WITH HER!

WHY DID YOU RISK YOUR LIFE FOR THAT KID? SHE SHOULDN'T HAVE MEANT ANYTHING TO YOU!
SOMEHOW, SHE DID! FOR A SPLIT SECOND, HER LIFE WAS SOMETHING PRECIOUS TO ME!
BUT THE FEELING IS GONE NOW!

DON'T YOU SEE WHAT THIS MEANS? DEEP INSIDE THAT HEAD, THE OLD LOIS IS STILL ALIVE, FIGHTING TO GET OUT!
ALL RIGHT! IT ONLY LASTED FOR A SECOND... BUT NOW I REMEMBER WHAT A WONDERFUL FEELING IT IS TO BE...HUMAN!
NOW WILL YOU LET SUPERMAN TRY AND HELP YOU?

SOON, OVER A STATE PARK...
CLARK SAID YOU FOUND SOMEONE WHO COULD CHANGE ME BACK THE WAY I WAS BEFORE THE LASER-SURGERY!
I CAN'T PROMISE ANYTHING, LOIS! BUT MY FRIEND HAS WORKED MIRACLES!
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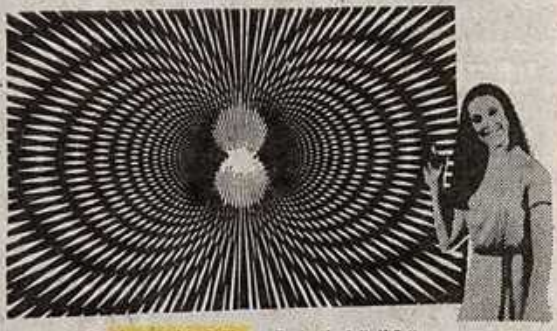

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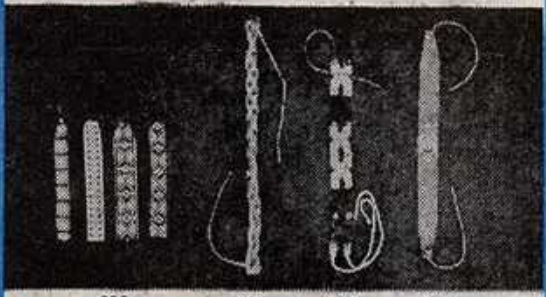

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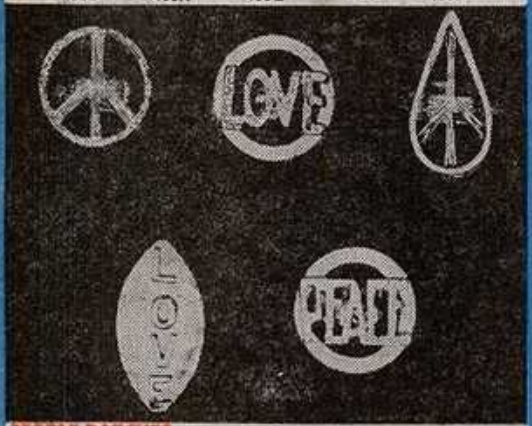

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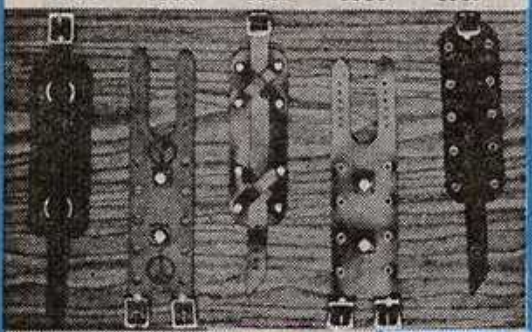

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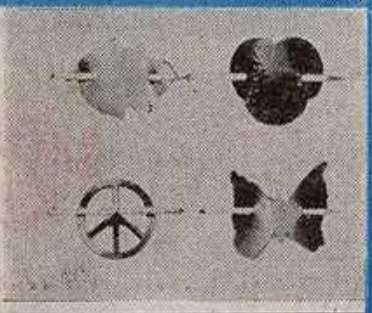

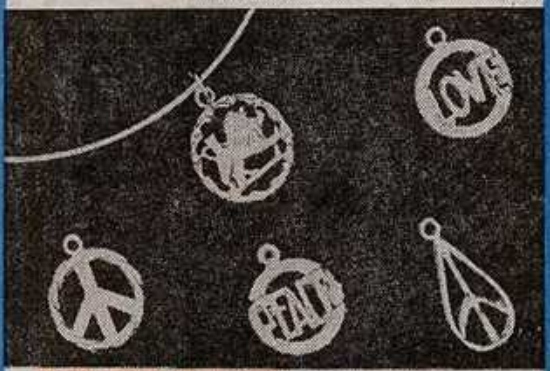

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AND BEHIND THE WATERFALL...
WHY, HE'S ONLY A MINSTREL, WITH A STRANGE INSTRUMENT!
YES...SUPERMAN BROUGHT ME HERE AFTER EXPLAINING YOUR PROBLEM!
BUT HOW CAN YOU HELP ME?
THROUGH MY INSTRUMENT! IT WAS GIVEN ME BY A BENEVOLENT SORCERER! NO LIVING CREATURE IS IMMUNE TO ITS ENCHANTED MELODIES!
WHAT ARE THEIR EFFECTS?
LOVE... PURE LOVE! IT PUTS PEOPLE TO SLEEP...AND WHEN THEY AWAKEN, THEIR HEARTS ARE FILLED WITH LOVE!
SIT BACK, LOIS... LISTEN... SLEEP...SLEEP!
OH, SUPERMAN, DO YOU REALLY THINK HE CAN RESTORE MY POWER TO LOVE?
THAT'S UP TO YOU, LOIS! BELIEVE IN HIM! LISTEN!
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AFTER AN HOUR OF MELODIC TRANQUILITY...
CAN'T TELL YET! BUT I'LL FLY YOU HOME BEFORE SHE WAKES UP!
WELL? DO YOU KNOW IF IT WORKED?
THIS "MINSTREL" BIT OF YOURS CURED MY WIFE, SUPERMAN--SO I'M GLAD TO RETURN THE FAVOR!
LOIS HAD NO IDEA SHE WAS BEING SERENADED BY ROLAND KIRK IN MAKEUP!
WHEN PROF. DENISON REVEALED LOIS WAS HER SECOND VICTIM, SHE BROKE DOWN AND TOLD ME ABOUT SUSAN SARNE!
THE OLD WOMAN'S LASER WASN'T MEANT FOR SURGERY--BUT A NEW, HIGH-INTENSITY FORM OF HYPNOTISM!
THE RESULT WAS A SEVERE MENTAL BLOCK WHICH ROBBED LOIS OF THE ABILITY TO LOVE ...AND MADE YOUR WIFE THINK SHE WAS INSANE!
SOON...
HYPNOSIS IS REALLY THE POWER OF SUGGESTION... SO I CONCOCTED A VERY CONVINCING HOAX...SOMETHING LOIS WOULD WANT TO PUT HER FAITH IN!
BUT WAS IT ENOUGH?
SUPERMAN... DARLING!
WELCOME BACK, LOIS!
AND THAT NIGHT, A BEAUTIFUL RED-HEAD IS LEAVING METROPOLIS...
I MUST LEAVE THIS CITY... GO WHERE I CAN FORGET ABOUT SUPERMAN!
I'M GLAD MORGAN EDGE AGREED TO GIVE ME A JOB AS A EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENT FOR THE GALAXY BROADCASTING SYSTEM!
WILL LANA EVER RETURN TO METROPOLIS? AND IF SO, WHAT STRANGE, NEW ROLE WILL SHE PLAY IN THE LIVES OF SUPERMAN AND LOIS?
THE END.
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NIGHT AFTER NIGHT-- GENTLE ROSE FORREST IS RELENTLESSLY HAUNTED BY NIGHTMARES OF THE BRUTAL MURDER OF HER DETECTIVE FATHER-- BY THE INFAMOUS 100...

AVENGE ME... AVENGE... AVENGE

PHIL FORREST 1925 — 1970 Rest in Peace

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...UNTIL HER SCREAMING SOUL IS RENT IN TWO AND HER UNCONSCIOUS SELF, THE ID, ARISES... SHE SLEEPWALKS THROUGH A LONG PASSAGEWAY LINKING HER BROWNSTONE WITH THE DESERTED HOUSE ON THE ADJACENT STREET...

...AND THERE... IN AN ABANDONED THEATRICAL COSTUME SHOP... THE VULNERABLE ROSE CHANGES INTO THE STINGING FOE OF CRIME--THE THORN!

THE THORN... WHO IS SOON TO BE HAUNTED BY A NEW FIGURE... ONE WEARING...

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ROSE and the THORN

EDITOR: E. NELSON BRIDWELL

WRITER: ROBERT KANIGHER

ART: ANDRU & ESPOSITO

FROM THE NIGHT-SHADOWS ...ATOP A ROOF...THE THORN STARES DOWN WITH BURNING EYES...
THE 100'LL PAY US PLENTY FER HIJACKIN' THESE MEDICAL SUPPLIES!
WE'LL HIDE IN THE BACK AN' BLAST ANY FUZZ FOLLOWIN' US!
CATAPULTING INTO SPACE LIKE A HURTLING LEAF...
FOLLOW KENNY TO THE WAREHOUSE! WE'LL UNLOAD THE STUFF THERE!
THE 100'S PAYMASTER'LL BE WAITIN' FER US, TO COUNT THE HAUL!
THE THORN!
BURN THE WITCH! WE'LL COLLECT THE FANCY PRICE THE 100 PUT ON HER HEAD!
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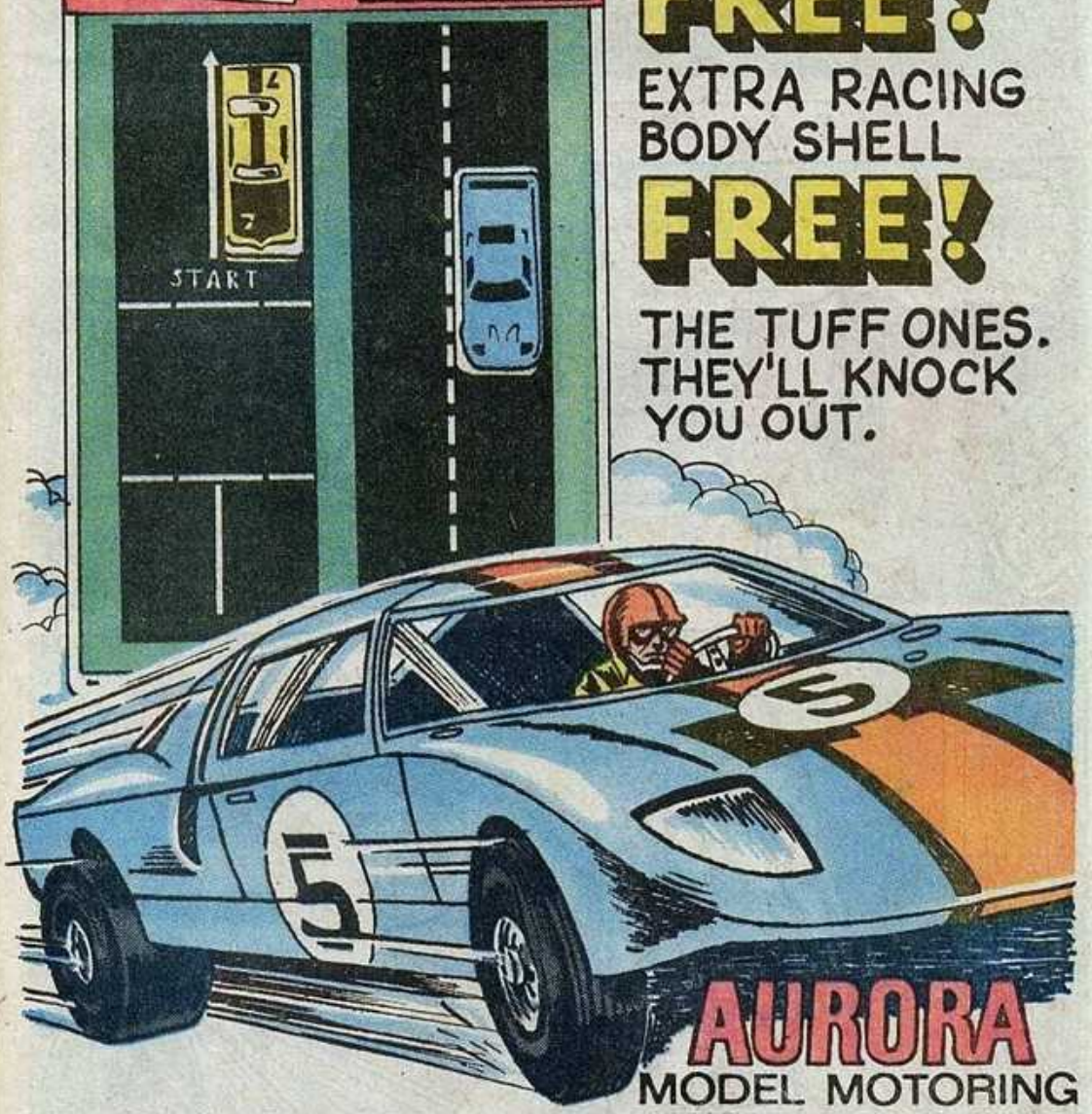

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INSTANTLY--THE DRIVERLESS TRUCK CATAPULTS FORWARD...
I COULDN'T HAVE PICKED A BETTER PLACE FOR THIS RUBBISH THAN--A JUNK-PILE!
CRAASH!
JUNK CITY

AS DETECTIVE DANNY STONE ARRIVES ON THE MIDNIGHT SCENE IN HIS UNMARKED CAR...
I WONDER HOW THE THORN GOT WIND OF THE TRUCK SNATCH--BEFORE THE DRIVER PHONED US!
LOOKS LIKE SHE GAVE THESE HOODS THE WORKS--AND US THE EVIDENCE TO CONVICT THEM!

BACK TO THE BOARDED-UP BROWNSTONE RACES THE THORN... HER WORK FINISHED EARLY THIS NIGHT... BUT BEFORE SHE CAN CHANGE BACK TO ROSE...
OoHHHHHHHH!
MOANING... LIKE THE WAILING WIND... COMING FROM THE PASSAGEWAY!

THE THORN'S RACING BLOOD TURNS TO ICE IN HER VEINS, AS...
A GIRL--IN A DRESS OF MORE THAN A CENTURY AGO! HER FACE--MASKED!
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
ARE YOU REAL? OR A HALLUCINATION?
LISTEN... AND DECIDE FOR YOURSELF!

MY NAME IS SELENA MASON... THIRTY YEARS AGO, I WAS AN ASPIRING ACTRESS OF EIGHTEEN...
YOU'VE GOT THE PART, SELENA! BARRY DALE CONVINCED ME YOU'VE GOT JUST THE FRESH, UNSPOILED BEAUTY TO PLAY "EMILY"!
I--I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! OH, THANK YOU--THANK YOU!
"I WAS SENT TO ALBERT TALBOT... THEATRICAL COSTUMES!... IN THIS VERY BUILDING..."
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Albert Talbot COSTUMES
"MR. TALBOT WAS VERY KIND..."
YOUR DIRECTOR PHONED ME ABOUT YOU! HE'S RIGHT! YOU'RE PERFECT FOR THE PART!
NOW, PUT ON "EMILY'S" COSTUME IN A DRESSING ROOM! AND WE'LL SEE WHAT ALTERATIONS ARE NEEDED!
"SHORTLY, AS I STARTED TO LEAVE THE DRESSING ROOM..."
ANOTHER ACTOR! HE MUST BE PLAYING A GANGSTER ROLE! I GUESS HE'LL PUT ON HIS COSTUME IN THAT OTHER DRESSING ROOM!
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"AFTER ALL THE ATTENTION HE GAVE ME... I DIDN'T HAVE THE HEART TO REFUSE HIS DINNER INVITATION..."
YOU SURE KNOW HOW TO PICK 'EM, ALBERT! SHE'S A BEAUT!
THIS MAN IS NO ACTOR! HE'S A REAL GANGSTER!
BUT ALBERT PROBABLY KNOWS HIM FROM BOYHOOD DAYS!
"WHEN I WAS REHEARSING WITH BARRY..."
I'M NOT PLAY-ACTING, SELENA! THIS IS REAL!
I'VE GOT TO STOP SEEING ALBERT!
"BUT WHEN I WAS WITH ALBERT..."
YOU BELONG TO ME, SELENA!
HOW CAN I TELL HIM THE TRUTH WITHOUT HURTING HIM? THAT IT'S BARRY I LOVE!
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"ONE DAY... STILL IN COSTUME... I WENT TO SEE ALBERT... DIRECTLY AFTER REHEARSALS..."
I--I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU LONG AGO, ALBERT... I LOVE SOMEONE ELSE... WE'RE GOING TO MARRY... PLEASE FORGIVE ME...
YOU BELONG TO ME! ME! NO ONE STEALS ANYTHING FROM ALBERT TALBOT!

"WITHOUT WARNING--AS I SORROWFULLY TRIED TO LEAVE..."
IF I CAN'T HAVE YOU--I'LL MAKE SURE NO ONE ELSE WILL WANT YOU... WITH ACID!
SSS

"THE ACID TORE AT ME LIKE LIVING FLAME..."
EEEEAAAAA
YOUR PRETTY FACE WON'T ATTRACT ANYONE NOW!

"I SCREAMED IN HORROR--BUT THE SCREAM DIED IN MY BURNING THROAT..."
LOOK AT YOURSELF! LOOK!-- LOOK!
AGNHHH...

"FRENZIED WITH AGONY--I SNATCHED UP THE NEAREST MASK..."
I CAN'T BEAR TO LOOK AT MYSELF! OR BE SEEN BY ANYONE ELSE!

"BLINDLY, I STAGGERED INTO WHAT I THOUGHT WAS THE OTHER DRESSING ROOM... BUT WAS REALLY A PASSAGEWAY LEADING TO THE BROWNSTONE ON THE ADJACENT STREET--"
"ALBERT'S MANICAL LAUGHTER PURSUED ME INTO THE BOTTOMLESS PIT INTO WHICH MY MIND WAS PLUNGING..."
HA HA
SLAM
HA HA HA HA HA HA-

PALE LIGHT FILTERS INTO THE PASSAGEWAY AS SELENA MASON ENDS HER AGONIZED TALE...
I COLLAPSED HERE...AND DIED!
HELP ME FIND PEACE... I WILL NEVER REST...AS LONG AS I HEAR ALBERT TALBOT'S DEVILISH LAUGHTER!
DAWN IS BREAKING OUTSIDE!

BUT THE THORN IS DRIVEN BY HER OWN INNER STORM WITH THE WARNING APPROACH OF DAWN...
I'VE GOT TO GET BACK!
BUT NOW...I KNOW!
HOW THIS PASSAGE I DISCOVERED AS A CHILD ORIGINATED.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN ROSE AGAIN BECOMES THE THORN... AND SETS OUT TO AVENGE THE MURDERED GIRL? WILL SHE BE ABLE TO TRACK DOWN ALBERT TALBOT AFTER 30 YEARS? FIND OUT IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF LOIS LANE!

LETTERS TO LOIS AND ROSE N-208

Dear Editor:

I regret to say that "I Am Curious (Black)" was not "a classic," "the best story I've read in any comic," or anything of the sort. But it *was* a good story, and the best one to appear in LOIS LANE since #91. What distinguished this story favorably from the dozens of others that have appeared about racism in recent months was its exploration of racism among blacks as well as among whites. The idea of Lois trying a "Black Like Me" masquerade was good, and I liked the link to issue #90. The only thing I missed was the traditional "The End" in the last panel. Was it left out because you were afraid of destroying its symbolism? If so, I see your point, but most fans are so used to it that they wouldn't even think of it that way. Werner Roth and Vince Colletta did well with the art (while Colletta can be a positive detriment to some artists, like Gil Kane, he works well with Roth), but I'd like to see a few more artists try their hand before you make a permanent choice.

As for this issue's Thorn story, it was another flop. Perhaps if you had not revealed that "Mr. Orchid" was an agent of the 100, it would have been improved, but not by much. It's bad enough to have the same villains (the 100) in every story, but if they try to do the same *thing* (kill Danny Stone) all the time, there'll be hardly *anything* to distinguish one story from another.

Richard H. Morrissey, Framingham, Mass.

(You should know us better than that, Richy! We're starting a new two-part ghost story this issue, and we have several other new twists for the Thorn's career in the works now. "The End" was omitted from the Lois story at author Robert Kanigher's suggestion, since he wanted the last page free of lettering of any kind.—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

Issue #106 was the best I have ever read. That says it all. If one is able to overlook the cliches so common to race plots, the story teaches great beauty. The blood of one race going to another was too trite, as was the ending of two hands clasped, black and white. But I want to say what I loved. I loved the straight question Lois asked Superman, and her snappy-cool answer to his excuses. I loved the truth conveyed in the slum scenes. I loved the fact that the black Lois was a female, because her relationship with a black man, though she was really white, was advanced and intelligent, not the old plot of black and white men or black and white women. The entire magazine was a great breakthrough. Like all truly artistic pieces, the people who should read it will not. As a member of a minority myself, being Jewish, I must say you all should be proud of yourselves.

In regard to Rose, I like her. She is, in her Rose state, the personification of a whimpering female the male population enjoys ruling. As the Thorn, she is active and proves women are as strong as, if not stronger than, men. Both she and Lois love men, but are not ruled by men.

Alice Herman, Richmond Hill, N.Y.

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Dear Editor:

I am a Negro boy, 15 years old, and I just finished reading LOIS LANE #106. I was glad to see you show the world as it truly is, and at the end as it should be. I don't believe that the whole white race hates the Negro; I have found this out. In the comic, though, I think you could have pointed out that all Negroes don't live in slums. I live in a great looking neighborhood, and I don't want other people thinking we all share tenements with rats. Other than this, 106 was one of your best.

John Goodlow, Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio

(Check, John. In the future, you'll see blacks in other environments, too.—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

I have just read of Lois Lane's Race Relations.

Sir, I feel more people, white and black, ought to read that book. When I did, I thought it was very good.

I myself am only a small part black; no one would believe it by looking at me. There must be many people like me, who are torn between two races. They look more like one race than the other.

I have been reading LOIS LANE ever since I can remember. After this issue? I plan on reading a lot more. Keep up the great work. I plan on keeping this book for my children when they grow up. I hope others enjoyed it as much as I did.

Lois' comic has always been great. Now it's the BEST!

Mrs. D. Cook, Middleville, Mich.

(We were overwhelmed by the many fine letters we received concerning this story. There were so many, with so many fine points to make, that we regret there is so little space to print them here. By the way, Bob Kanigher was inspired by the movie "Black Like Me," as many readers deduced. We got some nice response in other media . . . including a mention on the Dick Cavett show.—E.N.B.)

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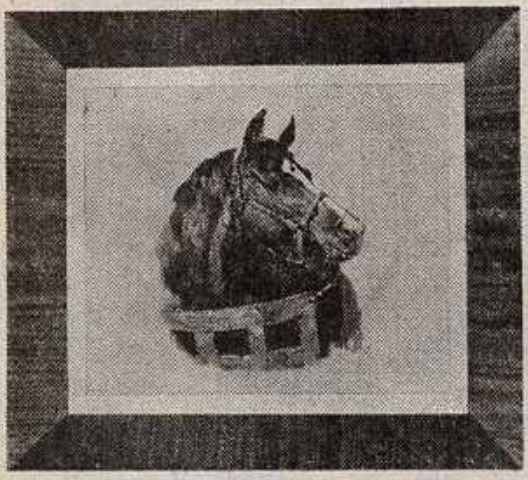

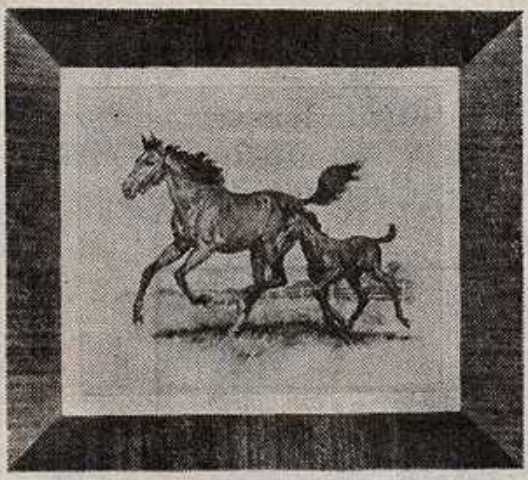

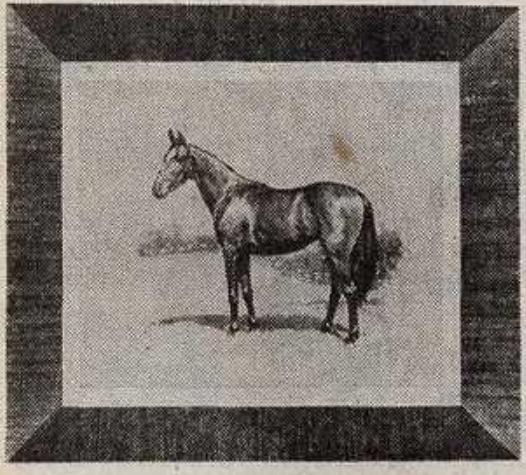

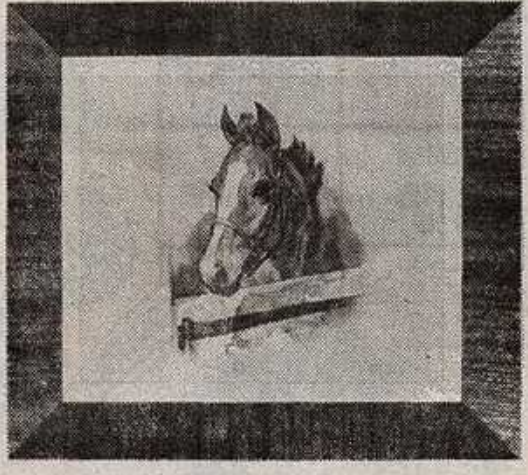

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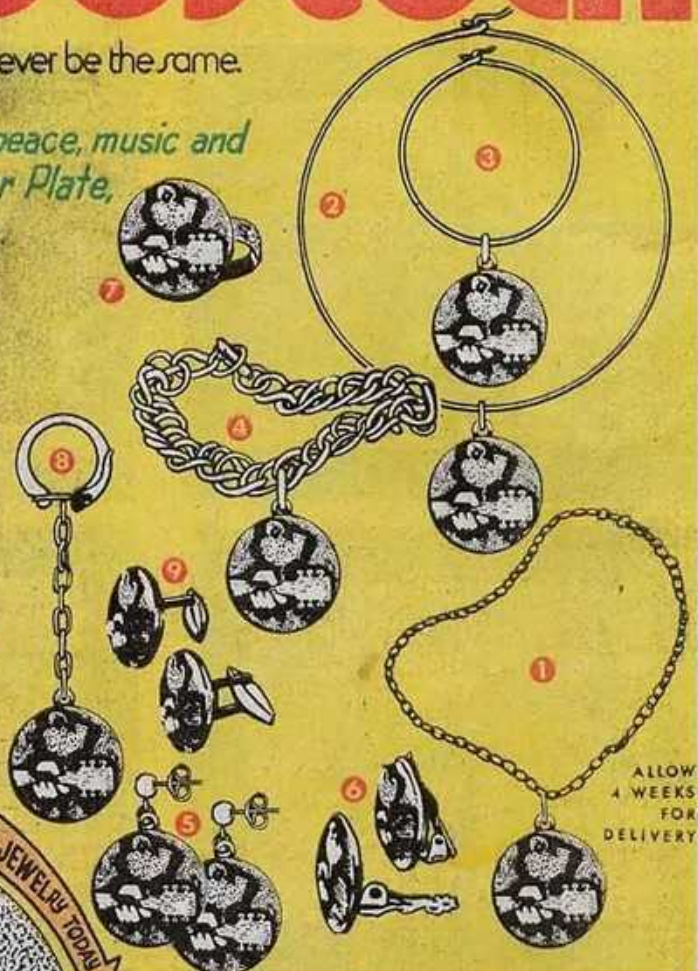

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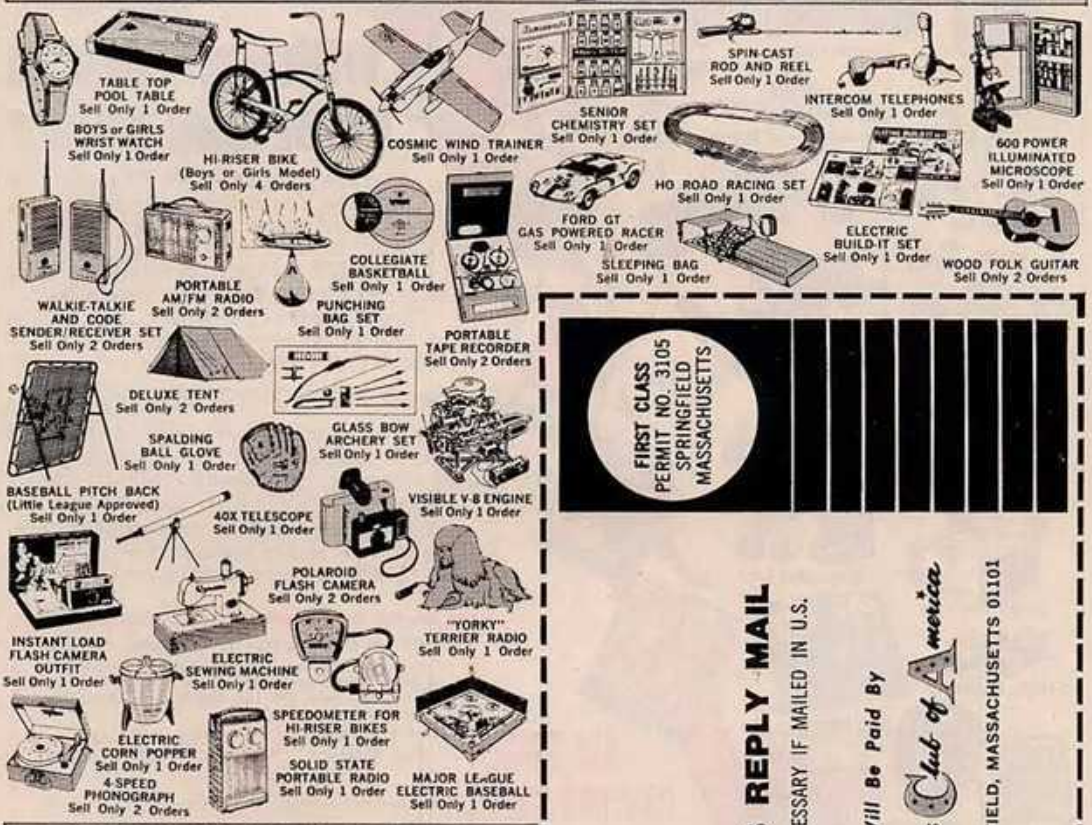

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